



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
Keiichi SUGIMOTO ) Atty. Docket No.: **IKEDA0034**  
Serial No. 09/964,655 )  
Filed: September 28, 2001 ) Group Art Unit: 2614  
For: IMAGE BINARIZATION METHOD )  
AND BINARY IMAGE CREATION ) Examiner: TRAN, Trang U.  
METHOD ) Date: **January 19, 2005**

**AMENDMENT (B)**

**BOX:**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated October 22, 2004, Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and submits this amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c). Therefore, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.